

Tribute by
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Prof. Puri has always been a very well known personality in the Department of Operational Research, University of Delhi. His contributions to the subject (Operational Research and particularly Mathematical Programming) have been quite noteworthy. When I was a post-graduate student in the Department I had already heard a lot about him.

I personally got to know him when we both were participating in a conference in the Bundelkhand University Jhansi. He was a invited speaker there and I had recently started working for my Ph.D. Though his talk was in the morning he was present throughout the day and sat through my presentation in the afternoon. After the presentation he gave me very useful suggestions and was critical of some points. But the way he put his views showed how humble a person he was. I felt very encouraged by that interaction.

He used to visit the University of Delhi at least once every week. I could meet him more frequently. He would greet me as a friend. During these and other meetings I could get to know about his views on popularization of Operations Research, ORSI and research in Mathematical programming. He was very dedicated towards them. The very successful organization of APORS 2003 is a result of this dedication.

I would always fondly remember him as a person who showed us how to achieve our goals in a humble and truthful way.

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